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7/2/03**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 26, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

The outstanding Office Action set a period for reply to expire on June 26, 2003. A one month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134.

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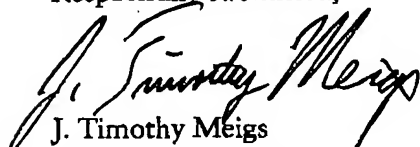
Concerning 10/081,969 -Reply Under 37 CFR § 1.111

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Dear Examiner Marvich,

Attached for filing in 10/081,969 is a Reply Under 37 CFR § 1.111, which is responsive to the Office Action of March 26, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included.

Respectfully submitted,


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